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## Municipalities

*Election of a Vice-Chairman for Mannargudi Municipal Council*

1984 Q.—Mr. K. S. Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Municipal Council, Mannargudi, did not permit the councillors to elect a vice-chairman at the special meeting convened for that purpose, and dissolved the meeting;

(b) whether the Government have received any memorial from the councillors on the high-handed action of the Chairman; and

(c) what action the Government have taken in the matter?

A.—(a) The Chairman dissolved the meeting convened for the election of vice-chairman on a point of order raised by a councillor at the meeting.

(b) A dissenting minute on the subject was received from some of the councillors.

(c) The Government declined to interfere in the matter.

*Appointment of a Vice-Chairman to the Mannargudi Municipal Council.*

1985 Q.—Mr. K. S. Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar: Will the hon the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Municipal Council, Mannargudi, did not convene a special meeting to decide the necessity of appointing a vice-chairman for that municipality in spite of several requisitions from the councillors; and

(b) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter.

A.—(a) A representation to this effect has been received by Government.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

## Forests

*Handing over the fifth class reserve forests to forest panchayats.*

1986 Q.—Rao Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased (1) to give a list of fifth class reserve forests in the Salem district and (2) to state the reasons for not handing them over to forest panchayats?

A.—The hon. Member evidently means III class reserves. A report has been called for with reference to these reserves.

[For further list of unstarred questions please see page 991 infra.]

# STARRED QUESTIONS

## Agriculture

*Proposed transfer of the Livestock section to the Veterinary department.*

* 1987 Q.—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any proposals to transfer the Livestock section of the Agricultural department to the Veterinary department, and why;

(b) whether it is a fact that cross-breeding of cattle has been given up in Military and Pusa Dairy farms as failure;

(*c*) if so, what the object is of pursuing the policy of cross-breeding in the Madras Presidency still;

(*d*) whether the Livestock expert of our Presidency is expected to tour in the villages and come into direct touch with the ryots in the ordinary course of his duties;

(*e*) whether he appeared for any vernacular test and if so, in what language or languages, how many times and with what results;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that he has been exempted from vernacular test and if so, on what ground;

(*g*) whether there are any other permanent officers subordinate to the Director who have been similarly exempted; and

(*h*) whether it is a fact that every gazetted officer either in scientific or executive line in the Agricultural department has to pass in the vernacular tests and if so, in how many languages, and why?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes. Such proposals have been made. The matter is, however, under consideration.

(*b*) & (*c*) This is not the case. Cattle-breeding operations at Pusa have been directed along two main lines—(*a*) a head of Saniwals is being graded up by selective breeding and (*b*) the poor milkers of the same breed are being crossed with Ayrshire bulls of high-milking pedigree with the primary object of obtaining reliable information regarding the inheritance of observable characters in the crosses. A cross-bred cow not only gives more milk than the best representatives of her dam's family but also calves more frequently. Having produced a cross of good-milking capacity by adding Ayrshire blood and having proved that the sire is prepotent as regards milk production, attempts are being made at Pusa to adapt the cross to the needs of the country by making half-bred dams with Saniwal bulls of good milk pedigree.

(*d*) Not necessarily. The Deputy Director, Livestock, is primarily a research officer and as such his duties do not lie in getting into touch with the ryots. This is done by the district officers. He, however, tours occasionally to keep himself familiar with the animals in the Presidency and the broad needs of the ryot as regards cattle.

(*e*) He appeared for the vernacular test four times but failed. He was first posted to the Telugu tract when he appeared for Telugu; his headquarters was then transferred to Hosur when he appeared for Tamil.

(*f*) Yes. On the ground that a knowledge of one vernacular would not be of value to him in his work especially as he has little direct dealings with the ryots, and his duties are more akin to research work than to the ordinary district officer. Further, his duties did not allow him time to study the vernacular.

(*g*) Yes.

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(h) Yes. Officers of the I.A.S. have to pass in one vernacular and officers of the M.A.S. in two vernaculars. A knowledge of the vernacular is essential for officers who have to be in touch with ryots.

*Proposed transfer of the Livestock section to the Veterinary department.*

*1988 Q.—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to transfer the cattle-breeding work from the farms attached to the Livestock section of the Agricultural department to the Veterinary department and, if so, for what reason?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 1987 given to-day.

*Opening of an Agricultural demonstration farm in Tiruvallur taluk.*

*1989 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a petition was sent to the Department of Agriculture by the ryots of Thandumetta and other villages in the Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, for the opening of an agricultural demonstration farm;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Director of Agriculture promised to open the farm after a road to the extent of 7 or 8 miles between Kannigapperu and Vengal via Thandumetta is laid out;

(c) whether it is a fact that the road referred to in (b) has been sanctioned by the Tiruvallur Taluk Board three years ago;

(d) whether it is a fact that the construction of the road has not so far been taken up;

(e) whether the Government are aware that the delay in constructing the road has been due to the political differences between the villagers concerned and the president of the taluk board; and

(f) whether the Government will consider the desirability of advising the Department of Agriculture to open the agricultural demonstration farm without waiting further for the construction of the road?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The Deputy Director had under consideration a suggestion for opening a demonstration area in the village but gave it up subsequently as there was no road to the place and because the contemplated demonstration would not be of benefit to the public.

(c), (d) & (e) The Government have no information.

(f) No. Our limited resources in men and money can be better expended elsewhere where we are likely to benefit a greater number of people.

## Co-operative Societies

*Alleged differences among the members of the Nilakkottai Co-operative Union.*

*1990 Q.—Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Nilakkottai Co-operative Union, Madura district, comprising Kovilpatti, Ettiapatti, Kilakovilpatti, Kombaipatti, Karattupatti and 35 other villages differences have arisen between the president and members of the co-operative union;